

Sustainability Committee  
Minutes of Meeting

June 8, 2016

Present: Lynn Stoddard, Susannah Everett, Bill Lennon, Shawn Santasiere, Paul Shapiro, Katie Frotini, George Rawitscher, Don Hoyle, Margaret Rubega, Gary Bent, Joyce Rawitscher (guest), Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 pm by chairperson Stoddard. Introductions were made. The new representative from the Planning and Zoning Commission, Katie Frotini, was welcomed as well as members of the Climate Action Task Force.

The May 11, 2016 meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Everett/Santasiere.

Rawitscher, Rubega and Bent guided the committee through the climate action priorities chart. It was decided that next steps should include gathering the most current climate projections that can be used by the town and prepare it in a way that it can be easily understood. Bent stated that he has been searching for the latest climate projections with very little satisfaction. UConn civil engineer Emmanouil Anagnostou should have a flood model ready in several months. Rawitscher will contact Dr. Anagnostou to find out his availability to attend an upcoming meeting. Shapiro and Stoddard will meet with the Town Manager and Town Planner to find out which of the action items are already in progress. Once this information is gathered and synthesized, it should be communicated to town staff and committees. It was suggested that the task force prepare a report to Town Council in the fall; this could be the action items table with additional columns of what is already in progress and highlighted next steps. Task force members were invited to attend the sustainability committee meetings during the summer, in place of their own meetings, in order to continue working together on strategy.

Shapiro reported that E.O. Smith's building project has been postponed indefinitely.

E. O. Smith seniors, Noah Guarino and Charlie Demurjian, have agreed to arrange an October LED bulb exchange for their senior project. They will also research the energy efficiency credits that have been earned by the Town.

Walton distributed planning and zoning's proposed updates to multi-family housing regulations. Discussion of the proposal will be part of the July meeting. Walton stated that she has an overview of the facilities study, which can be included in the July meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Walton